

IndustriALL Global Union solidarity message to SUTEIVP 26 January 2013 manifestation

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Comrades,

On behalf of IndustriALL Global Union and its 50 million members throughout the world, I send warm and combative solidarity greetings to your 26 January manifestation in front of the Industria Vidriera del Potosí plant.

The story of your brave struggle is well known internationally. We are proud to share our global IndustriALL family with you, to know that you are still fighting on the fifth anniversary of your illegal sacking by the company.

What a disgrace that management of this subsidiary of the enormous Grupo Modelo would treat the SUTEIVP with such contempt and employ numerous dirty tactics to crush your organizing effort. We know that through intimidation, harassment and mass-dismissals your management ended the democratic industrial relations systems with SUTEIVP and installed a yellow union at the plant instead.

This protection contract system is one of the greatest barriers to workers exercising their core labour rights in Mexico, and any observer can see that protection contracts must be condemned and stopped as soon as possible.

We know that you have followed all proper legal avenues, domestically and abroad, in a peaceful and dignified manner. We know that every law court in Mexico to have assessed your case, as well as legal experts at the International Labour Organization (ILO), have all ruled in your favour, despite the enormous financial resources of the company in dragging out the process.

We know that there has been despicable complicity by the national level Mexican labour authorities in punishing your members for their trade union activities. We know that your members have been black-listed for employers to refuse you work, not only in your home state, but nationally. We know that this black-listing has been extended to your members' family members, so that they too are refused work.

This is a scandal.

But we also know, dear brothers and sisters, that you continue to fight, and that you will win. Your legal process is now in the resolution stage, and the global level purchase of the company could offer impetus for local management to bring an end to this unjust conflict.

We are with you, standing shoulder-to-shoulder. Your demands will be part of those pushed during the Global Days of Action for trade union rights in Mexico on 18-24 February.

NI UN PASO ATRAS COMPAÑEROS!



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